development of indigenous system of medicine etc.

The ESI Corporation has already constructed three new ESI Hospitals i.e. one each at Kolhapur and Chinch wad and Dibewadi in Pune district and requested the Government of Maharashtra to take over the Hospitals for commissioning. The State Government has also submitted a proposal to the ESI Corporation for setting up of an ESI Dispensary at Dahanu Road, Maharashtra.

Statement

State wise no. of employees Covered under the ESI scheme as on 31.3.98

State/Area	No. of employees in implemented areas
Andhra Pr. & Yanam	4,53.800
Assam & Meghalaya	40,850
Bihar	1,64.100
Chandigarh	29.750
Delhi	5,53,400
Goa	64,550
Gujarat	6,36,050
Haryana	3,63,650
Himachal Pr.	32,900
Jammu & Kashmair	13,700
Karnataka	6,48,550
Kerala & Mahe	4,13,600
Madhya Pr.	2,36,000
Maharashtra	
(i) Mumbai area	10,32,900
(ii) Nagpur area	1,18,500
(iii) Pune area	3,78,900
Orissa	1,39,400
Pondicherry	34,450
Punjab	4,20,850
Rajasthan	2,97,650
Tamil Nadu	
(i) Chennai area	6,01,900
(ii) Coimbatore area	2,21,200
(iii) Madurai area	2,05,750
Uttar Pradesh	4,54,550
West Bengal	8,04,950
TOTAL	83,61,900

Generation of Employment

77. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the target set up for generation of employment during 1997-98 and 1998-99;

(b) the details of achievements made during the above years;

(c) the reasons for poor performance on the employment front; and

(d) the steps taken to enhance opportunities for more employment?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (c) The target for employment generation are set for five Year Plans and year-wise targets are not set. As per the latest estimates of employment available from the 50th Round of NSSO (1993-94) the employment on Usual Principal Status basis is 334.84 million compared to 290.93 million in 1987-88 (43rd Round). This implies a 2.37 per cent growth rate per annum.

(d) The approach to the Ninth Plan envisages priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generating adequate productive employment and eradication of poverty. Greater productive employment will be generated in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are labour intensive, in regions characterised by higher rates of unemployment and underemployment.

Workers' Participation in Management

78. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state the details of different steps taken/contemplated by Government to increase workers' participation in management?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): A Scheme for Employees' Participation in management is applicable since 1983 to all Central Public Sector Undertakings except those undertakings which are specifically exempted from the operation of the scheme.

Central Board for Workers Education, Nagpur has been engaged for conducting training courses under the Plan Scheme "Education and Training to promote Workers'